

Remarks

The Examiner has alleged that the claims do not satisfy the unity of invention requirement and required election of one the following two groups of claims:

Group I:      Claims 1-17, drawn to a thermoelectric (TE) conversion material and a method of making a TE material; and

Group II:     Claims 18-20, drawn to a structure and a TE conversion device.

Applicants hereby provisionally elect Group I, claims 1-17, without traverse.

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